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Chief Executive Officer

September 4, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: RADAR SPEED ENFORCEMENT
UNINCORPORATED AREA OF CASTAIC
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the adoption of traffic regulation orders and posting of corresponding regulatory and advisory signage is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Adopt a traffic regulation order establishing a 45 miles per hour speed limit on Industry Drive between Commerce Center Drive and the western terminus of Industry Drive in the unincorporated area of Castaic.
3. Adopt an order instructing the Director of Public Works to coordinate with the California Highway Patrol to implement radar speed enforcement on Industry Drive between Commerce Center Drive and the western terminus of Industry Drive in the unincorporated area of Castaic.
4. Adopt a traffic regulation order prohibiting stopping at anytime on the north and south sides of Industry Drive between Commerce Center Drive and the western terminus of Industry Drive in the unincorporated area of Castaic.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to provide the California Highway Patrol (CHP) with the legal usage of radar speed enforcement on Industry Drive and the installation of traffic controls will improve traffic safety, enhance traffic flow, and better serve adjacent properties.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) since radar enforcement significantly reduces speeding and accident potential caused by high-speed surveillance and pursuit and, Community Services (Goal 6) by enhancing the quality of life for residents and businesses in this area once the traffic regulation is in place.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. Sufficient funds are included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Road Fund Budget to cover the minor costs of installing the necessary signs and markings. Financing the use of radar equipment and patrols will be assumed by the CHP.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The California Vehicle Code authorizes your Board to implement these traffic regulations, which are required prior to enforcement by the California Highway Patrol and Sheriff's Department.

On March 31, 1987, your Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the CHP for the expanded use of radar enforcement within the unincorporated County territory. The Memorandum of Understanding was revised and approved as an agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the CHP by your Board on October 5, 1993. A key provision of the agreement requires the use of radar on any additional routes be subject to mutual approval by the County of Los Angeles and the CHP. The proposed recommendation for the use of radar on this route is in conformance with this provision of the 1993 agreement.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. The establishment of radar enforcement, including the installation of related traffic control devices required to notify the motoring public, is categorically exempt under Class 1-(x)7 of the Environmental Guidelines approved by your Board.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Implementation of these traffic measures will have a positive impact by enhancing traffic flow and reducing accident potential.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Traffic and Lighting Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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c: County Counsel